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CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Is it possible to form a Labour Club within the University? The activities of that body within the Melbourne Varsity fill us with envy and regret. We envy Melbourne, and we regret our own political apathy. It is true that the Union Club exists to be the medium for our budding politicians, but political questions debated in the manner of Aristotle (more or less), and in the terminology of Milton, are neither illuminating nor helpful. It is impossible to get any grasp of the political situation unless the real issues are debated, and a labour club is more likely to serve this purpose than any other body we can think of. We would solicit your aid, Sir, and that of the politically-minded student body, to help in the formation of an Adelaide University Labour Club. Please address communications to Box P. Yours, etc.,
ZOOON POLITIKON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is common knowledge that Sydney possesses a flourishing community of gymnosophists. Something of the sort, we feel, should undoubtedly be started here; but, for the sake of Adelaide morals (so easily outraged), our loftiest aspirations must of necessity be curbed. But why not a gymnasium, at least? Lectures, we may believe, exert a toughening and salutary influence upon the glutens-maximus; in the Refectory we subject our geniohyoidei to strenuous daily development; the Barr-Smith Library exists solely that the cerebral cortex may function with vigour. But which of our many magnificent buildings is consecrated to the biceps? Where, save on a draughty playing-field, may we turn our undivided attention to the culture of quadriceps-femuses? This is what the Sports Association are asking. And Messrs. Barbour, Muecke, Jolly, and McBain have been appointed to consider the question. Let us hope that their deliberations will bear some good fruit.
Yours,

“SHORTSOCKS.”

To the Editor.

Sir,—The too frequent appearance of untidy men about our seat of learning has compelled me to put forward a suggestion which I hope will receive due and speedy consideration. Members of the superior sex, have you ever seen the backs of your own heads? I am sure you haven't, because if you had I would not have cause to complain. Perhaps some of you are trying to copy the fairer sex and grow a Viennese bob—if this is not your aim I suggest a visit to the barber. I feel sure the Varsity could well employ a barber on the premises to shave and trim the studious students while they are at their work. There are many who evidently have no time to visit such persons, either because of their work, or perhaps because they think it looks more professorial to let their hair grow long on their necks, and give an appearance of untidiness and absentmindedness. Such people are a blot and an eyesore about our otherwise majestic University. I sincerely hope that the installation of a Varsity barber will be a subject that will receive attention in the near future. I remain, sir, yours sincerely,

IMMACULATE.

Men's Arts Association.

On Thursday, April 28th, in the Lady Symon Hall, at 1.20, the stalwart men of the Arts Association gathered to advance their interests. Dr. Bald was in the chair, and pointed out that the forthcoming conversazione offered an excellent opportunity for Arts men to make their presence felt about the place. Numbers of unselfconscious buffoons are required to amuse the plebs; and where can such be found more easily, etc. . . . We border on indiscretion. The men felt it was up to them. They are going to work out plans for side shows, and have formed committees to do what they can for the Conversazione.

“Diverse lingue, orribili favelle.”

The International Club.

People are still asking to be enlightened with regard to the International Club. What exactly is it? No! it is not a secret society, or an arts faculty society. The object of the Club is not to be pinned down to arts students. They are, of course, the mainstay, but the Club is open to all members of the University, whether their aims are conservative, liberal, or socialist. Moreover, it is hoped to establish in the University a body which is trying to submerge the narrowing influence of party politics into an understanding of world-wide movements which to-day are the subjects of so much misunderstanding.

At the annual general meeting this year it was decided to make the Club a formal body, and Professor Hancock was elected President, the other officers including Miss Jean Gilmore, Miss Roxy Sims, Miss Elizabeth Wells, Miss Yvonne Wait (Hon. Secretary), Mr. Badger, Mr. Newman, Mr. Allison, and Mr. Ray (Hon. Secretary). About 25 people were present, including Prof. Campbell.

The meeting decided on the programme for the year, which was to include evening meetings and limited study circle groups, and the first evening meeting will be extremely interesting. The Italian Consul, Signor Amerio, will speak in the Lady Symon Hall on Tuesday, April 26th, at 7.45 p.m. Supper will also be provided.

But to return to more mundane affairs, the annual subscription is 1/6, payable to Miss Wells or Mr. Allison, and if anybody wants to know more about it, get in touch with one of the committee and carry on the flaming torch to other hands, so that the Club may really become an important factor in the life of the University, and be the beginning of an interest in matters international, whether they are of historical, economic, medical, or scientific importance.

Complaints at the Cook-house Door.

A pie with sauce,
A pie with sauce,
A pie with sauce again;
Its pie with sauce,
And pie with sauce,
And pie with sauce again;
They're always made of excellent meat,
And the pastry, I know, is quite a feat,
But I'll be blowed if ever I'll eat
A pie with sauce again!

To the tune of “Here we are, there we are,” etc.

“ON DIT”
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“And sometimes counsel takes
And sometimes tea”
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EDITORIAL.

It is a great pity that “On Dit” caused such a stir in the world on its first appearance. This was not intentional, and is indeed regrettable. For several reasons.

But the chief reason for regret is that in the criticism which we have so freely received there has been little which can be made use of in improving the paper.

Some, of course, will be useful. We are deeply indebted to the critic who pointed out that our quotation from Pope was incorrect in one particular.

We are, however, more concerned with the criticism that “On Dit” is not sufficiently representative of student activities. This is, of course, a serious criticism and one which is perhaps justified.

The policy which this paper should follow is one of chronicling and making known student activities. It is not a medium for the expression of soulful fancies, nor the literary efforts of minor poets. That is the function of the Magazine.

“On Dit” does aim to do something in the way of enabling student opinion to be expressed, “doth sometimes counsel take.” It wishes to make articulate ideas and opinions which would otherwise be lost or ineffective. It should serve, also, as the recorder of the social aspect of University life, “and sometimes tea.”

Now, in both of these functions it is obvious that the co-operation of the whole student body is essential. If the paper is to be truly representative, it must be closely in touch with student activities; this can only be so if the secretaries of societies, the conveners of meetings, and others will get into the habit of reporting their doings for the paper. Otherwise, the paper is likely to become merely the medium for expression of the Editor's pleasing personalities; a result we cannot regard as satisfactory.

It is odd, that although plenty of people told us that our effort was in effect, pretty bad, no one went the length of expressing such a view in a letter to the Editor.

The moral is that we need your help if the paper is to be what we want it to be, a genuine organ of student opinion.

Adelaide University Literary, Debating and Dramatic Society.

The first meeting of the above-named was held in the Lady Symon Hall on Tuesday, April 12th, and a very successful evening it was. The chief items of interest were: A debate on “Is reading more beneficial to man than personal observation?” judgment being for the negative; and a play by W. S. Gilbert called, “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern.” Rufus Ray was astounding as the Queen, Elizabeth Wells

was an adequately fluttering Ophelia, while Colin Kerr, as Hamlet, put Alan Wilkie in the shade. Suitable musical accompaniment was provided during the play by someone at the piano and someone else through a trumpet.

The attendance was excellent, and it is hoped that this will continue right through the year. “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern” will be the Society's contribution to the Students' Carnival at the end of the term.

Coming Events.

May 2nd. Sports Association meets at 1.20 p.m. Medical Students' Society meets in Refectory at 8 p.m.

May 3rd. Science Association meets 8 p.m., Refectory. General Committee of Sports Association meets at 8 p.m. Oval reserved for St. Peter's Girls' College sports.

May 4th.

May 5th. Pharmacy Students' Association, Refectory, 8 p.m.

May 6th.

May 7th. Dance Club, Refectory, 8 p.m.

May 11th. Athletic Club's annual sports, Varsity oval.

May 13th. “ON DIT” published.

Men's Union Committee.

Meeting held on Wednesday, 6th April. The following appointments were made: Chairman for 1932, K. A. MacDonald; Vice-Chairman, J. M. Jens; Hon. Secretary, W. D. Padman. The meeting discussed plans for 1932, and decided to follow the general character of the meetings in 1931. A few lunch hour addresses are to be arranged; prominent men in various fields will be asked to address students at these, on current topics. There will also be a few evening debates on subjects of political interest to the students.

Union Committee.

At the first meeting, held on the 15th March, the following officers were elected: President, Prof. Campbell; Vice-President, Y. L. Hayward.

General Committee of Sports Association.

President - - - - Prof. Campbell
Deputy President - - R. L. S. Muecke
Hon. Asst. Secretary - R. A. Pellew
Representative of Union - W. C. Beerworth
Athletics Club - - - - B. M. Jolly
Boat Club - - - - P. M. Cudmore
Baseball Club - - - - N. T. Todd
Football Club - - - - K. A. McDonald
Hockey - - - - T. S. Dorsch
Laerosse - - - - E. D. Mackay
Rifle - - - - E. J. Barker
Women's Hockey - - - Miss Ruth Hone
Footlights - - - - N. T. Todd

Sporting Editor.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. J. M. Jens to the staff of “On Dit” in the capacity of Sporting Editor. By Mr. Jens's exertions it is hoped to provide regular accounts of University sport in all future issues of the paper. To the end that the sporting columns may be an up-to-date and complete record, the Hon. Secretaries of the Clubs of the Sports Association are asked to forward to Mr. Jens the results of all matches and brief reports of other club affairs of general interest. “On Dit” appears on alternate Fridays. It will greatly assist the Sporting Editor if the matter for each issue is in his hands on the Monday preceding publication. Letters may be left in Box J, or sent to St. Mark's College.

THE PROLETARIAT.

We have just received a copy of the organ of the Melbourne University Labour Club, “The Proletariat.” It is indeed a bright effort. The Melbourne Labour Club seems to be decidedly Communist in outlook, and perhaps a little too inclined to repeat the catch phrases of that movement without a clear understanding of their implications.

But a number of the articles in the paper do not fall under this condemnation, and demand an answer from an intelligent conservatism. It is significant that the parties of attack in the State and the University, develop specific organs for expression, while those of resistance confine themselves to inanities.

Professor Anderson's article in challenging, and of course, competent; but some of the lesser lights of the paper have also done excellent work. The description and analysis of the German situation by Alwyn Lee is very good and historically sound.

The whole venture is an interesting one, especially in the light of the Labour Club's decision to send two delegates to the U.S.S.R. this year.

Further information about the paper in Mr. Greenland's office.

Inspiration in the Law School.

The annual opening address of the Law Students' Society was given by Mr. G. C. Ligertwood, K.C., on the 19th April, in the Refectory lounge room. The Professor occupied the chair; there was a large attendance. The subject of Mr. Ligertwood's address was “Lord Mansfield,” who was Lord Chief Justice of England for thirty-three years. It was he who established on a firm basis the commercial law of England, and to him more than any other is attributable our body of law which has long been the administration of jurists the world over. Mr. Ligertwood put Lord Mansfield on a level with Grotius as a law maker.

At an early age Lord Mansfield, then plain Mr. Murray, was ambitious to become Lord Chief Justice, and he pursued this ambition unwaveringly. So firm was his resolve that, when the opportunity came for him to achieve his desire, he refused an annuity of £6,000 for life, offered him in consideration of his non-acceptance of the position.

At a time when English law was in a very unsettled state, he gave judgments on questions previously undecided almost every day, and yet during the thirty-three years he was Lord Chief Justice, only two of his decisions were over-ruled.

The Society was very appreciative of Mr. Ligertwood's address, and gave him a hearty vote of thanks.

The meeting subsequently adjourned for supper.

Hockey.

President, Dr. F. W. Arden; Captain, W. Harrison; Vice-Captain, F. Turner; Secretary, T. Dorsch.

Practice nights, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Dr. Arden is the coach; he is coaching the “B” team, and Harrison the “C” team. Registration fee is 2/6, and is now due. Matches begin on May 7th.

MT. LOFTY ANZAC WEEK END.

S.C.M. Conference.

The aim of Conference was to give the University student an opportunity to examine fearlessly the nature of religion. So many crude conceptions of religion exist to-day, even in centres of enlightenment, that it was somewhat of a relief to apply the critical method to religion and find whether it could stand the test applied by hard-headed students.

"Never has the world been so sick in so many spots at once," said Mr. Penny, speaking on "Life—does it demand a religion?" Man, seeing the failure of democracy, science, and the church to give the world what it needs, is faced with disillusionment.

What is religion then? It is an attitude towards life: just life itself. Its purpose is to put man into touch with the spirit of the universe. If we believe in the order of things (and science is forcing us to that belief), then there is no rest for us until we find our place in that order. Rev. L. C. Parkin showed that Life without Religion is barren of Truth and Beauty, life dominated by fear, animal cravings, and driven to living on the surface of things.

Mr. Picken struck at the heart of the problem by flashing at one the question: "What is your conception of God?" Man's life, he said, is rooted in the Nature of the Universe. That which is distinctly human is spirit, and the very nature of spirit demands that man should have freedom, freedom to choose. The Will of God is that man shall choose what he knows to be the best, and the key to the Will of God is found unerringly in the Mind of Christ.

Principal Lade stressed the necessity for loyalty to Truth in the search for God.

A self-satisfied smile of cynicism may possibly be the first reaction of the hard-headed student to a report of this kind. "More religious stuff," he says. Well, we ask you, "What is religion?"

In Appreciation.

At the recent annual general meeting of the Sports Association it was unanimously resolved to adopt the recommendation of the General Committee that the retiring President, Mr. R. R. P. Barbour, Master of St. Andrew's, be made an Honorary Life Member of the Association in recognition of his great services during the two years of his presidency. As Chairman of the General Committee, the Finance Committee, the Blues Committee, the Ball Committee, the Exhibition and Carnival Committee, and a multitude of sub-committees, Mr. Barbour did an enormous amount of work, and did it in a way that won him the admiration and affection of all. "On Dit" joins heartily in the chorus of approval at the bestowal of the well-merited and seldom conferred distinction of Honorary Life Membership.

Admissions to Bar.

Before the Chief Justice (Sir George Murray), Mr. Justice Napier, and Mr. Justice Richards (sitting as a Full Court), three University men were admitted as practitioners of the Supreme Court on Saturday last.

These new Barristers, Messrs. David Thomas, Ashley Magarey, and William C. Beerworth, are old members of the University, and their many friends wish them luck in their professional career.

'Varsity Eights.

This is the crew chosen to represent Adelaide University in the forthcoming race for the Oxford and Cambridge Cup, to be held on the Huon River, Tasmania, on June 4th, 1932: Bow, J. F. Gosse; 2, J. A. Maitland; 3, H. Lyons; 4, A. C. Douglas; 5, J. M. Bonnin; 6, J. C. Cuming; 7, R. B. Cuming; stroke 8, J. Goode; cox, P. M. Cudmore; spare, W. G. Chapman.

The crew is in thoroughly good trim, and the Boat Club's indefatigable coach, Mr. S. T. Faery, is again supervising the training, and Sir Henry Newland has again generously lent his speed boat and driver.

Dance Club. Dance Class.

Miss Joanne Priest will be holding a weekly dance class in the Refectory, for members of the Dance Club only. These classes will be free, commencing before May 7th. You are urged to join the Dance Club and avail yourself of the privilege.

The Dance Club.

(with apologies all round)

Pet, my angel,—Had a perfectly *enthraling* time at the Dance Club the other night. It was their first dance for the year. That *lamb* Adolphus bore me off, but of course the amorous Herbert insisted on joining our party. You don't know Adolphus, do you, darling?—He's rather a *lamb*, thrills me to the marrow. Wore my ravishing ensemble with the bustle, also the family's anteeek jools, and created an immediate *sensashun*. Felt *tremendously* oh fay! Roxy looked adorable in the sweetest blue, Shirley was in pale green, but black was the favourite. The mails were in the usual emaculate blanc et noir (I'm doing French this year!!) The decorations (including Mrs. Goodall) were devastating, the music positively hornting. Supper—well darling, there was some *somewhere*. I would have starved but for Adolphus who, much dishevelled, returned from the bufay with a somewhat tired lamington. Between the dances we strolled round the lorn. "Your eyes are like stars," mermered the romantick Herbert. "Sez you," I replied nonshalloutly. Had a *gorgeous* time. "One crowded hour of glorious life," as Dickens puts it. I'll write again soon. From your ownest, Pat.

Exhibition and Carnival.

The arrangements for the Exhibition and Carnival are every day taking better shape. Further offers of assistance with the Exhibition have been received from the Teaching Staff, and the programme for the Thursday afternoon and evening is now almost complete. Arrangements are also well in hand for the Graduates' Sports on the Wednesday afternoon. A number of graduates are getting together teams for football, lacrosse, baseball, hockey, women's hockey, and women's basketball. There will probably be a graduates' boat race as well. The faculty organizers for the Students' Carnival met on Wednesday, the 20th April, and from the reports at this meeting it seems likely that the Carnival will make Mardi Gras and the Carnival of Flowers look like the Annual Convention of the Arkansas Band of Rockbottom Fundamentalists.

St. Andrew's College.

There are this year 13 students in residence at the College, the locale and atmosphere of which is conceded to be second to none.

The first meeting of the College Club, held on March 20th, was carried forward in a spirit of cheery badinage that even the Secretary's seriousness failed to quell. Ten members were present, so almost everybody got a job on one or other of the various committees. A deadlock occurred when the time came for the freshers to elect one of their number to a committee, each of the two freshers present promptly nominating the other; the impasse was not straightened out for some days. The business discussed chiefly revolved about the best means of spending the Club's heavy credit balance, with the result that since the meeting there has been a succession of wireless sets in the common room on approval. Other important agenda was forgotten by the member who was to have tabled it in the excitement of being elected Buttery clerk. The latter is now being run on a novel and convenient credit basis, and will yet prove, we hope, that there is profit in publicianism.

After the meeting, members quietly retired to dark corners to count out their subscriptions.

Somewhere in the vicinity of the Exhibition in May there is to be a dance; so be on your best behaviour, fairies.

The University Magazine.

At a meeting of the Union Committee, held on 12th April, the following appointments to the Magazine Committee for 1932 were made: Associate Editors, J. Blair, A.C.U.A., and B. R. Elliott, B.A.; Sub-Editors, T. S. Dorsch, C. G. Kerr, and Miss R. Hone; Advertising Manager, R. N. O'Reilly.

The post of Business Manager has yet to be filled. Applications for the position are invited. Applicants should speak to the Secretary of the Union at an early date.

There is to be only one issue of the Magazine during 1932, and it will probably appear towards the end of Second Term.

Nights of the Bath.

At a recent meeting of the Sports Association Grounds Committee, the proposals advanced last year for the installation of gas bath heaters in the women's changing rooms were again brought forward. The Committee was unanimous in its recommendation that the heaters be installed. Estimates of cost have been obtained, and if the General Committee of the Association thinks well of the scheme, the women may expect a prompt alleviation of the misery of taking cold baths after matches and practices on frosty winter afternoons. The Grounds Committee also considered the provision of forty or so lockers in the women's changing rooms, and appointed a sub-committee to draw up recommendations.

On the Level.

On a recent Friday afternoon Mr. R. C. Robin and the students of surveying made a contour survey of the Waite Park Recreation Reserve, and marked out the boundary of the oval within the reserve. The Waite Park Recreation Reserve contains ten acres, and has been dedicated permanently for the use of graduates and undergraduates of the University of Adelaide. The University Council has placed the Reserve under the control of the Sports Association, which has appointed a special Grounds Committee to supervise it. Now that the contour survey is available it can be decided how the oval can be levelled with the least amount of cutting and filling, and estimates of cost can be obtained. The Director of the Waite Agricultural Research Institute has appointed a Committee of experts to determine by experiment the best method of treating the area in order to produce a good turf for winter games. The Waite Park Grounds Committee is to meet shortly to consider a number of matters connected with the ground.

Discobolus

Or The Future of the Gymnasium.

At the beginning of the year the suggestion was put forward that the Sports Association should set up a gymnasium for the use of its members, particularly if suitable accommodation could be found within the bounds of the University. The suggestion was received with approval, and a committee, consisting of Messrs. R. R. P. Barbour, R. L. S. Muecke, N. J. McBain, and B. M. Jolly, was appointed to enquire. The committee has discovered a magnificent room for a gymnasium amongst the buildings adjacent to the Exhibition Oval, and the Architect-in-Chief is to be asked whether the Association may have the use of it. Estimates of the cost of equipment are being obtained, and the whole matter will be considered at the next meeting of the General Committee of the Sports Association. As it is anticipated that the cost will not be prohibitive, the main question for the General Committee to decide is whether members would make enough use of a gymnasium to warrant the establishment of one. "On Dit" exists to give expression to student opinion, and here is a matter about which opinions may usefully be expressed.

Economics Club.

The Economics Club entered on the second year of its life last Tuesday night, when the annual meeting was held. No puny, mewling infant this, gentlemen, but a lusty, kicking youngster. The Secretary, Mr. A. A. R. Cooper, reviewed last year's activities, and considered them eminently successful. Members concurred in this. Liberal verbal bouquets were presented to the retiring Chairman (Mr. J. B. Blair), for his capable guiding hand, and blushing to the tips of his shell-like ears, he considered them undeserved.

The Committee for 1932 was elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. R. Dawbarn; Secretary, Mr. L. T. Ewens; Treasurer, Mr. Judson Belcher; two other members, Mr. C. W. Andersen and Mr. S. B. Denton.

Then Mr. N. Angel (Treasurer for 1931) delivered a weighty paper on "Devaluation as a monetary policy for Australia." Then Mr. Cooper read yards and yards of an extract from a speech of the Rt. Hon. R. McKenna, which was Olympian in its wisdom, and gave the last word on the subject. Members were accordingly speechless. Mr. Garland was not however, and gave a neat summing up of the essentials of our monetary problem. Supper was not served.

The Root of Evil.

Past members and intending members of the Sports Association are reminded that subscriptions were due on the day following the Annual General Meeting, which was held some weeks ago. Subscriptions should be paid promptly to the faculty sub-treasurers, or to the secretary at his office in the Union Building. Lists of financial members are shortly to be posted on the notice board.

Wanted.

An Advertising Manager and a Distribution Manager for "On Dit." The duties of each office should not occupy more than about two hours every fortnight. Applications may be left with the Editors of the paper, or with the Secretary of the Union.

The Bread Line

Or The Early Bird.

The House Committee of the Union has discussed the congestion which occurs in the Cafeteria at lunch hours. Unfortunately, additions to the present staff and equipment are practically impossible until more space is available. The provision of more space would involve structural alterations, which would be both difficult and costly. The architect has been asked for a report, and the matter will be considered again when this has been presented. The House Committee has recommended the purchase of five more tables and twenty more chairs for the Refectory.

It is quite certain that the congestion at lunch hours can be to a large extent relieved if students who are able to do so will come down to lunch a little before one o'clock. Notices to this effect are to be posted on the boards in the various buildings.

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC CLUB.

ANNUAL SPORTS.

To be held on

University Oval, on Wednesday, 11th May, 1932.

100 Yards Championship.
100 Yards Handicap.
880 Yards Championship.
Putting the Shot.
120 Yards Hurdles Championship.
Lacrosse Race in pairs)

Partner's name.....

220 Yards Handicap.
220 Yards Championship.
120 Yards Hurdles Handicap.
High Jump.
Open Half Mile.
Throwing Cricket Ball.
Throwing Lacrosse Ball.
Men's Hockey Race.
Broad Jump Championship.
880 Yards Handicap.
Open Mile.
440 Yards Championship.
440 Yards Handicap.
Pole Vault.
Mile Championship.
Mile Handicap.
440 Yards Low Hurdles Championship.
440 Yards Low Hurdles Handicap.
Inter-Faculty Relay.
Kicking the Football.

ENTRIES must be made before May 1st to any of the following:

A. H. YOUNG
O. E. NICHTERLEIN
I. H. SEPPPELT
J. R. DAVEY
B. M. JOLLY, Hon. Sec.
C. F. CHAPPLE, Asst. Hon. Sec.

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